

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are presently pending in the application.

Claim 9 has been added, which recites that the packaging container is filled with the two preliminary mixtures either substantially simultaneously or sequentially. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at least at page 3, lines 1-2 and in the Examples. More specifically, "immediately prior to or upon" means "substantially simultaneously," and in Examples 1 and 2, the two mixtures are added sequentially. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 9 is patentable over the prior art, and in particular over European Patent Application No. 0 116 422 of Harmer, previously cited by the Examiner as a basis for rejecting claims 1-8, as follows. Harmer teaches avoiding filling each container separately with predetermined amounts of two concentrates (page 4, lines 1-3) and thus teaches away from adding the second mixture either substantially simultaneously with or after the first mixture as claimed. Therefore, Harmer does not anticipate or render obvious claim 9.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks and the amendments and remarks previously filed on April 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims 1-9 are patentable over the cited prior art and in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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